Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.      (Currently Amended)  ~~A portable~~ An electronic device comprising:

a processor ~~module comprising a processor and a display~~;

a display;

a sliding component moveably coupled to said processor ~~module~~, wherein said sliding component is operable to slide relative to said display, and wherein said sliding component is further operable to accept at least one button input from a user; and

a sensing device coupled to said processor ~~module~~ and to said sliding component for detecting a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display; ~~and,~~

,wherein said processor is ~~a module~~ operable to perform an operation that is associated with rendered information that is identified by said relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display, and wherein said operation is responsive to said button input being pressed ~~for performing an~~ ~~operation in response to a signal indicating that said one button input was~~

~~pressed, wherein said operation is based on a selection of information displayed~~

~~on said display at a relative position of said sliding component with respect to~~

~~said display as determined coincident with said signal, and wherein said~~

~~operation is based on a content of said selection of information displayed on said~~

~~display~~.

2.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~portable~~ electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said operation is a visual configuration of data rendered on said display.

3.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~portable~~ electronic device of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said operation is an initiation of communication with another device using said wireless transmitter.

4.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~portable~~ electronic device of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said operation is an initiation of communication with an external device, using said wireless transmitter.

5.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~portable~~ electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said sensing device is a non-contact sensor device.

6.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~portable~~ electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said display is a touch panel display forming a part of said sensing device.


7.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~portable~~ electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said rendered information that is identified by said relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display is selected responsive to ~~signal is initiated from said sliding component by~~ a user pressing on an input key residing on said sliding component.


8.      (Currently Amended)  A method of selecting an option in an electronic device comprising a processor ~~module~~ and a sliding component, said method comprising:

a) displaying ~~information~~ a plurality of elements on a display screen of said processor ~~module~~;

b) detecting a position of said sliding component adjacent to a first element ~~a portion~~ of said plurality of elements ~~information~~ on said display screen, wherein said sliding component relative to said display screen is operable to identify said ~~portion of said information~~ first element for selection;

c) detecting a user selecting said first element ~~portion of said information~~, wherein said selection is made by using at least one button input residing on said

sliding component <u>when said sliding component is adjacent to said first element</u>; and

     d) invoking an operation of said electronic device related to ~~a content of said selected portion of~~ said <u>first element</u> ~~information~~.


     9.     (Previously Presented)  A method as described in Claim 8 further comprising generating a position signal corresponding to a position of said sliding component relative to said display screen.


     10.     (Previously Presented)  A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said operation is an execution of an application program.


     11.     (Currently Amended)  A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said operation is a display of related additional information to said <u>first element</u> ~~portion of said information~~.


     12.     (Previously Presented)  A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said selection is via a key.


     13.     (Original)  A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover comprises a keyboard.

14.     (Original)  A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a microphone.


15.     (Original)  A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a speaker.


16.     (Currently Amended)  A computer readable medium containing executable instructions stored thereon for causing an electronic device to execute a method for configuring a visual output of a display, said method comprising:

displaying a plurality of objects on said display;

sensing a relative position, ~~wherein said relative position is the position~~ of a sliding component ~~relative~~ with respect to said display ~~a processor module~~, and wherein said relative position is a partially closed position, and wherein said sliding component is operable to change the size of a dimension of said electronic device by sliding relative to said display ~~processor module~~;

in response to said sensing said relative position, generating said visual output on said display, wherein said visual output comprises said plurality of visual objects that are arranged and repositioned to be viewable in response to said relative position.

17. (Currently Amended)  The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating an application by a ~~said~~ processor ~~module~~.

18. (Original)  The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating communication with an external device.

19. (Previously Presented)  The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for altering said visual output in response to a signal.

20. (Currently Amended)  The computer readable medium of Claim <u>19</u> [[16]], wherein said instructions are for a rearrangement of a previously displayed visual object.

21-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended)       An electronic device comprising:
a display operable to render a plurality of graphical elements;
a sliding component operable to move with respect to said display to detect a viewable portion and a non-viewable portion of said display, wherein a position of said sliding component is operable to control rendering of said

plurality of graphical elements within said viewable potion of said display, and wherein said position of said sliding component is further operable to identify ~~for identifying~~ a first graphical element from said plurality of graphical elements when said sliding component is adjacent to said first graphical element, and wherein said first graphical element is selected responsive to a ~~for~~ selection by a user via an input key on said sliding component~~, from said plurality of graphical elements~~; and

a processor operable to reposition said plurality of graphical elements responsive to said position of said sliding component with respect to said display, and wherein said processor is further operable to perform an operation associated with said first graphical element in response to said selection ~~based on a content of said graphical element~~.


26.    (Previously Presented)    The electronic device as described in Claim 25 further comprising:

a sensor for detecting said position of said sliding component with respect to said display.


27.    (Currently Amended)    The electronic device as described in Claim 25, wherein said first graphical element is a command to be performed by said processor.

28.    (Previously Presented)    The electronic device as described in Claim 25, wherein said sliding component is operable to accept a user input to effect said selection.

29.    (Previously Presented)    The electronic device as described in Claim 25 wherein said plurality of graphical elements are repositioned by said processor to increase viewability of said plurality of graphical objects within said viewable portion of said display.

30.    (New) The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said at least one button input comprises a mechanical element.